REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

If the Examiner believes that there are any
unresolved issues in any of the claims now pending in the
application, the Examiner is urged to telephone George
Wolken Jr., Esq. at (408) 567-0340 so that appropriate
arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as
expeditiously as possible.

Amendments to the Claims

Pursuant to page 4 of the office action, claim 2
is amended herein to be an independent claim, including the
elements of previous claim 1 (now canceled). From MPEP
§ 2143.03 "If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35
U.S.C. § 103, then any claim depending therefrom is
nonobvious." (citations omitted). Applicants respectfully
submit that claims 3-6, depending on patentable claim 2, are
thus patentable. Thus, claims 2-7 as presently pending in
this application are allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above
amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (b)(1) and MPEP
§ 714.13, and thus are to be admitted in this case. These
amendments place this application in condition for
allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and arguments, the
applicants respectfully submit all claims 2-7 are presently
in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both

reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
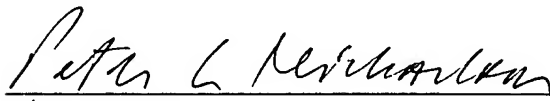
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